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Several others were obliged on account of sickness to decline invitations to join the receiving party. Mrs. Pierce wore a handsome black dress with lace drapings; Miss Amelia a simple gown of cream white with English violets and tea roses; Miss Pierce a pink robe with white lace oversleeves; and Miss Anna was gowned in pink and white. Miss Belknap of Chicago was a guest.

### Post Nuptial Reception.

Mrs. and Mrs. Albert Babcock of Wealthy avenue gave their after wedding reception in their home on Thursday evening. Seventy-five guests were invited and but few of the number sent regrets. Mrs. Babcock wore her pretty wedding gown. She was assisted by Mrs. Babcock's sister, Miss Lois Babcock, in welcoming her guests. The house was prettily trimmed with palms and chrysanthemums and the refreshments were daintily served. Among the company were Messrs. and Mesdames A. F. Ewing, S. V. McClelland, A. M. Anderson, Charles Wilson, Frank Wilson, Mrs. George A. Anderson, Harvey Lyon, Edward Lyon and daughter, Pauline, Charles Wood, F. F. Bailey, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Ellen Wilson, Miss Inez Russell, Miss Mary Anna, Miss Ethel Wood, Miss Anna Wilson, Messrs. G. W. Russell, H. A. Woodruff, C. M. Buchanan, Hugh Thompson, C. Brown, C. Tucker, George Draper, Boism and Lewis.

### Mrs. Lowe's Party.

In honor of Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl, who will soon leave for Washington, Mrs. Edward Lowe gave a beautiful party at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The rooms were darkened and tinted artificial lights were substituted. The decorations were of roses of the American Beauty variety. The luncheon was served on small tables in the dining room. The guests were Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl and her guest, Mrs. Goodsell of Dresden, Germany, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. White, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Frank Sweet, Mrs. Sherwood Hall, Mrs. Wilder Stevens, Mrs. Corne, Mrs. Paine, Mrs. Whitely, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Putnam, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Cody, Mrs. Hollister, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Campbell Fair, Mrs. Ed Earle, Mrs. Ed Hunt and Mrs. Follett.

### St. Cecilia Reception.

On Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 6, the members of the St. Cecilia society will hold a reception in the Ladies' Literary club house in honor of their president, Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl. The event is incident to the departure of Mrs. Uhl to her new home in Washington and is a token of appreciation of her devoted service to the St. Cecilia society that she loves so well. Mrs. Uhl will be assisted at the reception by Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. H. G. Post. The committee in charge are Mrs. G. E. Raymond and Mrs. E. H. Stevens.

### Mrs. Hood's Luncheon.

Mrs. Charles Hood of Ransom street gave a one-o'clock luncheon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Ed Cobb of Chicago. Twelve guests were present, who were Mrs. E. K. Fisher, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Will Gay, Mrs. Charles Benwick, Mrs. Harry Stanton, Mrs. Fred Avery, Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs. Van Cleve Ganson, Miss Cole and Miss Perry.

### CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

#### Ladies' Literary Club.

A good audience was in attendance yesterday afternoon at the Ladies' Literary club rooms to listen to the program prepared by the science and education committee. The first article was one carefully arranged and entitled "Studies of the West Indies." It treated mostly of the geography of these islands. Following was a "Life of Benjamin Franklin," Mrs. Goodsell, the guest of Mrs. Uhl, gave a talk on the life of those with whom she has an intimate literary acquaintance. Against the criticisms of American women of his peculiar use of the word "dell," Mrs. Goodsell related the legend told her of a village in Norway, which is, that if a house would always enjoy prosperity that a little child must always be an inmate and so the custom is still kept that when a house is childless that a beautiful doll is always kept around in order to insure the welfare of the household. A paper entitled, "The Superstition in Education," was then presented. This paper was prepared by Mrs. Mary Earnsworth of Orange, N. J., and was one given before the famous literary club of that city. "The Aladdin story" was said to be an invention by the use of which the problem of the science of nutrition would be happily solved.

#### Niagara Dinner.

The Niagara dinner club met with Miss Bella Thurington Wednesday evening in her home on Kellogg street. The club was organized about a month ago for the purpose of amusement and recreation, and meets once in two weeks. The president is Charles Hood, and Louise Mar is secretary. Before the ladies gave the treasury. The other members are the Mesdames Belle Thurington, Miss Hilda, Louise Taylor, Bertha Gulliford, Jessie and Gene Mair, Messrs. James Muir, Andrew Muir, Charles Hansen, Ed Deibel, Arndt Shattuck, Jack Shattuck, Hopkins, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Muller. On Wednesday night the club will give a dancing party in the Knights of Pythias hall on Wealthy avenue. During the intermission an entertaining musical and musical program will be given. Miss Hanson of Chicago will be a guest.

#### Dago Club.

Miss Beattie Shuler of Terrace avenue entertained the young women of the Dago club yesterday afternoon in her home on Ionia street. The young women took their Christmas fancy work and later in the afternoon were served a party lunch. The club is composed of ten young women and the same number of young men and was organized from the Dago dancers in the Kermis of last winter. A meeting is usually held each week. The members are the Mesdames Anna Raymond, Florence and Maud

Hilton, Julia Barlow, Beattie Shuler, Maudie Waters, Joale Dykema, May Wyman, Kate Ford, Nan Parker, Messrs. Frank Dean, Howard Truaway, Charles Powers, Will Foote, Comstock Kunkle, John Goldsmith, Louis Correll, Lou Ewing, Harry Fairchild.

#### Art Class.

Mrs. Torrey's art class held a session Thursday afternoon in the study room on the second floor in the Ladies' Literary club house. Mrs. Torrey gave an interesting lecture on some of the famous pictures on exhibition at the world's fair. She also discussed some of the fundamental principles of art, stating in connection that many had artistic conceptions of form and an acute color sense who did not possess working qualities, and that such might be called perceptive instead of executive artists.

#### Unity Study Group.

The Unity Study group met to the number of thirty-five on Wednesday evening in the home of Miss Minnie Holm of Lyon street. The program was an "Outline of Political Institutions as Outgrowths of the Middle Ages." Mr. Kousma prepared a paper on the "Economic Results of the Crusades" and Mr. Matthews of the high school discussed the topic of "Industrial Renaissance," followed by Miss Randolph on the "Social Side of the Renaissance."

#### South End Literary Club.

The South End Ladies' Literary club discussed "Pottery, Porcelain and Glass" in their meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The manner of using clay in pottery was described. The committee placed on exhibition a fine collection of pottery, china and glass. A gratifying report of the receipts of their Thanksgiving entertainment was presented and a reference library has for its nucleus a new Webster's unabridged dictionary.

#### Israhel Club.

Israhel club at its regular meeting Friday afternoon continued its study of Tennyson and held a short session on the study of parliamentary usage. Questions from the query box were answered by the members. Mrs. Gertrude Perkins Newton and Miss Granby were guests.

#### In Town.

Mrs. F. F. Heddon and daughter, Miss Bertha Heddon of Traverse City, who went to Alabama a few weeks ago intending to spend the winter, have come to Grand Rapids to remain until spring. They are now the guests of Mrs. M. E. Lapham of East Fulton street.

Mrs. Goodsell and two daughters, the Mesdames Goodsell of Dresden, Germany, came to the city Monday to be the guests of Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl and Miss Lucy Uhl. They were the traveling companions of Miss Uhl on her recent European visit.

Miss Marcia Kendall of Buffalo is the guest of Miss Mabel Marshall of South Ionia street. She will visit her cousin, Mrs. Edward Earle, the coming week and next week she will be the guest of Miss Mamie Waters of North Prospect street.

Mrs. Flora Ball Hopkins of Irving Park, Chicago, came to the city Friday. She will be the guest for two weeks of her mother, Mrs. John Ball of Summer street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tucker of South Union street returned Tuesday from a few days' visit to Mrs. Tucker's brother, W. W. Olin, and family of Kalamazoo.

Albert Ball, son of Frank W. Ball of Buckeye street, returned Friday from a two months' visit to his aunt, Mrs. Flora Ball Hopkins of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cassard of Ohio will be the guests Christmas week of Mrs. Cassard's parents, Mrs. and Mr. D. A. Waters of Oakhurst.

Miss Clara Orth of the East Bridge street school, who was detained at home for a few days by illness, returned to her duties Thursday.

Miss Livingston of Chicago, who has recently returned from a European visit, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCay are now at home with Mrs. McCay's mother, Mrs. Gilbert of South College avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bloomer of East Bridge street will go to Englishville Tuesday, to remain two months.

Frank Austin of Mendon spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Austin of Barclay street.

Miss Emma Raymond of Terrace avenue has returned from a visit to Miss May Wyman in Grandville.

Louis E. Pratt of the State university spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baker of Sheldon street.

Mrs. Frank Curtis of Colorado is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Ulrich of West Broadway.

Mrs. Cora E. Jones of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Shaw of South Division street.

Mrs. George R. Douglass of Cedar Rapids is the guest of Mrs. Edwin F. Uhl.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hall returned Wednesday from their wedding journey. Miss Lucella Peck of Kalamazoo is the guest of Miss Barclay of Cherry street.

Mrs. A. E. Mattison of Hall street has returned from a year's visit in Iowa.

Mrs. George Robertson of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Lamoreaux.

Mrs. John Wilkes is entertaining Mrs. Gregory of Chicago.

#### Out of Town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and family of Portsmouth terrace will leave in a few days for Mobile, Alabama, to spend the winter with Mr. Moore's father and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Barnhart will leave in a few days for Pasadena, California, where they intend to remain for a year and a half.

E. B. Newton of East Bridge street, who is now in Indiana, is expected home early in the week.

Walter Town in their home in Rockford. Mrs. Ed Mathewson of Windsor terrace is visiting friends in Petoskey.

#### Gossip of Persons and Things.

The first party given by the Pickwick club was held Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oswald. Harry Murie was elected president, Mrs. Henry Oswald secretary, Harry Murie treasurer. At the card tables Mrs. J. S. Slat and Harry Murie took the leading prizes, and Mrs. S. J. Logan and H. N. Wiggins took the consolations. The next meeting of the club will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bidwell of No. 167 West Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rutka of Henry street entertained the progressive whist club Tuesday evening. Mrs. Rosa and H. Hamilton won the first prizes and Mrs. D. S. Hopkins and E. M. Radcliffe the consolations. J. Williams of Lansing gave a vocal solo. Dr. and Mrs. Ross will entertain the club Tuesday evening, December 19, in their home on Wealthy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. DeLong and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Watters entertained a number of their friends Wednesday evening in their home on Third avenue. Cards, dancing and refreshments were the entertainment. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McOsker, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Clement and son and many others.

At the dancing party to be given in the Morton house Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Putman, for the pleasure of their daughters, Miss Putman and Miss Estelle Putman, there will be present Mrs. Goodsell and the Mesdames Goodsell of New York, recently of Dresden, Germany, and Miss Green and Miss Harris of Chicago.

Hazel Radcliffe of South Union street gave a sleigh ride Saturday afternoon to the following of her young friends: The Mesdames Keeler, Clay, Moss, Kortlander, Milmine, Palmer, Mosch, Rutka, Whitmore, Mercer, Agnew, Stimpson, Dunn and Reed, Masters Clay, Wallace, Milmine, Snyder, Stimpson and Radcliffe.

The Shakespeare study group, led by Mrs. Lorraine Immes, held a regular meeting Thursday afternoon in the library of the Ladies' Literary club house. About fifty members were present and answered roll call with quotations from "Macbeth." The reading for the afternoon was from act 3 of "Macbeth."

The Eleventh Ward Pedro club met with Mrs. D. H. Weaver on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg took the head prizes and Mrs. Hedges and Mr. Pierson the consolations. The club will meet Tuesday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Skeels.

The Heptas club, composed of members of the Young People's society of All Souls' church, will give a musical and literary entertainment Friday evening in the church parlors. After the program a supper will be served.

Eugene Sanford of East Bridge street was surprised Wednesday night by about thirty of his young friends, who spent the evening with cards, music and a generally good time. A supper was served.

Miss Maggie Long of Sheldon street gave a luncheon Thursday afternoon to a few of her friends in honor of Miss Belknap. Among the guests were Miss Dunning, Miss Gay and Mrs. Harry Long.

Mrs. Edward Lowe will give a dancing party tomorrow night in honor of her guest, Miss Clara Wood. Seventy-five invitations have been issued to the young society people of the city.

Dr. O. L. Dolio gave the second of a series of three lectures Friday night before the nurses of the U. B. A. training school. The lectures are given in the parlors of the nurses' lodge.

The Alpha Dancing club, which is composed of young people of the west side, will have a dancing party Friday evening. The club meets once in two weeks on Friday nights.

Mrs. Wilmarth of South Union street gave a thimble party and luncheon Tuesday afternoon to ten of her woman friends in honor of Miss Belknap of Chicago, who is her guest.

Twilight Lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will give a social and supper at the residence of Mrs. Myra Bissell 601 Turner street, Tuesday evening December 12.

On Thursday afternoon a group of women met in the home of Mrs. Hunt on College avenue to discuss means for bringing practical help to the poor.

The women of the Westminster Presbyterian church will serve supper Friday evening from six to eight in the church parlors.

Twenty-five couples of the Dancing club held an informal and enjoyable dancing party in Lockery hall Wednesday evening.

Miss Estelle Randolph will entertain the social section of Unity circle Wednesday evening in her home on Charles street.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Lewis of South Lafayette street entertained a gay party of friends at a masquerade dance.

Ors Peterson presented each member of the "Molanthe" opera company with a ticket to the Martine concert Thursday night.

The Genial Pedro club will meet Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. Riley of Terrace avenue.

H. A. Knott gave a dinner and dance at the Country club Friday night. There were ten in the company.

The women of the Mystic circle, L. O. T. M., will hold a review on Tuesday afternoon in Lockery hall.

The Cooking club gave its first supper Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Mattie Dwyer.

Company B will hold an informal dancing party Wednesday evening after the regular drill.

The Philanthropic club will meet in the Ionia High school Thursday evening. Mrs. Harkner of State street will entertain the Berwickers tomorrow afternoon.

Concert groups at Harris, 515 South Division street.